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COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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USE OF SYNTHETIC VANILLA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some countries have banned or limited the use of synthetic Vanilla;

(b) if so, the details of the countries;

(c) whether India propose to ban the use of Synthetic Vanilla;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether India is still producing Synthetic Vanilla; and

(f) if so, the details and quantum produced during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) & (b) The Government is not aware of any country having banned or limited the use of synthetic vanilla(vanillin). In the United States, if synthetic vanilla (vanillin) is used, it has to be indicated on the label of the food product where it is used.

(c) & (d) There is no proposal for banning the use of synthetic vanilla in India.

(e) India is not producing synthetic vanilla.

(f) Does not arise.